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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 09/450,399 Confirmation No. 7581  
Applicant : Rolf Brück et al.  
Filed : November 29, 1999  
Title : Muffler and Associated Assembly Having a Catalyst Carrier Body and a Retaining Element and Method for Producing the Assembly  
Examiner : Hien Tran  
Docket No. : E-40456 PC US  
Group Art Unit : 1764  
Customer No. : 24131

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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S i r :

Responsive to the non-final Office action dated December 23, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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